

## BRUNSWICK'S BIGGEST FIRE KNIGHT & RUCKER TRI-STORE ENTIRELY DESTROYED

**Mammoth Stock of General Merchandise a Total Loss.  
Remodeled Store of Three Connecting Rooms and  
Containing the Largest Stock of General Mer-  
chandise in the County, Entirely Con-  
sumed. Loss \$60,000.**

**No Fatalities, But Dr. J. S. Wallace Had to be Carried From His Rooms Above the Building**

Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock, Steele, who conducts the principal restaurant and grill room in the city of Brunswick, was attracted to the Knight and Rucker store rooms which adjoin his restaurant on the east, and starting to investigate, three or four other early risers appeared on the scene at the same time and the discovery was made that the east room in which groceries were handled was ablaze, the fire having already gained considerable headway. An alarm was sent in and the fire company responded promptly as well as numberless citizens, but the condition of the interior of each of the three rooms prevented the salvage of the merchandise, except a few armfuls of little value.

The fire company directed its efforts to saving the adjoining building to prevent the further spread of the flames and the destruction of the entire block to the Rosenstein corner, and considering the old firewall between the store building and the restaurant, the work of the fire company with only a hose cart and two lines of hose, is very praiseworthy. Had the flames gained entrance to the restaurant, preventing further progress of the consuming element would have been impossible with the facilities for fighting fire available.

Knight and Rucker had just

recently completed the third and west room of their establishment and added many conveniences to the whole premises, and the big stock of spring goods had been pouring in for weeks. The upper rooms were well filled with the housefurnishing stuff carried, and but little more was due to make up their entire spring and summer stock, and the estimate of value as nearly as can be learned at the time of going to press, places the loss on stock at more than \$40,000, and the buildings belonging to the firm at more than \$20,000. The amount of insurance so far as we have been able to ascertain, was about \$28,000.

Dr. J. S. Wallace was asleep in his rooms above the west store room, and suffering from neuralgia with which he has been afflicted with for several months and being nearly overcome with the heat and smoke when he awoke, he had to be carried down the stairway leading to the street from quarters which he has used for a number of years for office and bachelor rooms. He was prostrated by his experience, tho not seriously affected, according to late reports.

The wind was blowing slightly from the north at the time of the fire, and but for the persistent fighting of the firemen and the great width of the street, there is little doubt but that the big store of C. B. Wallace and Co. would have suffered along with many other business houses on the south side. Fortunately no damage was done to any of the buildings across the street in either direction, the Exchange

Bank directly across the street on the east showing no marks of the hot fire. The dental offices of Dr. Rucker over the east store room, together with practically all their equipments, were consumed, and all of the surgical instruments and other equipments belonging to Dr. Wallace on the west side were lost in the flames. Late Wednesday afternoon firemen were still sending small streams of water on smouldering piles at different spots, and curio hunters operating at points where the debris had sufficiently cooled, found Dr. Wallace's gold watch and his Knight Templar chain, neither being seriously injured.

The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery. There are those who claim to have heard a muffled explosion just a short time before the fire was discovered, and that they did is borne out by the rapid spread of the flames, but what it was that exploded or what caused it to do so is not explained.

The enterprising merchants will begin rebuilding at once, and it is safe to predict that their new establishment will be in every respect, a reflection of the progressive ideas of the gentlemen who have gained such an enviable reputation and succeeded so well in the commercial world.

Steele's restaurant was flooded with water and the interior together with stock and fixtures, badly damaged, but he set about shaping up to feed his regulars as well as all transients, as soon as it was cool enough to remain inside and work.

etc. increased the loss. A temporary building is being used to repair other coaches and the men thrown out of work, about 100 in number have been employed in other lines of work.

Stock buyers are reported plentiful throughout the county but stock is scarce and hard to buy.

Gus Finkeldie of Blackburn, Mo. marketed this week two loads of heifers weighing 700 lbs. at \$8.85.

The new federal law on duck shooting is proving disheartening to the sportmen. The ducks are thickly studied over the water which now is plentiful in the county and the birds have nerve enough to swim right under the noses of the local gunmen who have not nerve enough to shoot. It appears that things could not be much worse.

### Church Dedicated

St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Brunswick having been rebuilt and refurnished, was formally opened and dedicated on Tuesday evening March 3rd. by the Rt. Rev. Sidney C. Partridge D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri.

The Ven. Edward C. Johnson, Archdeacon of the Diocese read the impressive scripture lessons, and the Bishop conducted the services and preached the sermon from the first verse of the 22nd Psalm: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." At the opening of the services there was a Baptism, at which the Rev. Dr. Oscar Homberger, Rector of Grace church Chillicothe, and now in charge of the Brunswick church, officiated. The organist and a quartet from the Chillicothe choir led the music most effectively.

Great credit is due the devoted people who have worked so hard and faithfully to rebuild this church and equip it and who now see the gratifying results of their efforts.

### Will Moore's Barn Burns

At 7:30 p. m. Monday, Will Moore's family noticed a bright light at the rear of their home in the south part of town and found that the barn was afire and nearly half destroyed when discovered. It burned to the ground with contents, causing a loss of about \$1200 or \$1500. The fire destroyed the barn and adjacent sheds. Several cows in the barn were turned out just in time. The horses were out in the lot adjoining as were the hogs and these were turned loose. The hogs had their hair pretty badly scorched but not otherwise injured. The buggy was gotten from the buggy shed but the bay, some oats and corn were lost. The heaviest loss was that of the hay in the loft. Mr. Moore was not sure Tuesday morning about his insurance but it is reported that the place was covered by \$1000 insurance which would nearly compensate for the loss. The barn was an old structure. Mr. Moore figures that the barn must have been fired by someone intruding there. Whether it was a crap game or a cigarette stub thrown down carelessly he does not know.

### Probate Court

A. T. Dumm, g & c of Roy Dumm is discharged.

The will of the late William Deweese is probated and Sarah A. Deweese appointed executor with \$500 bond with Nathan Clair and Bruno Vater as securities. J. H. Bittiker and Tom Brooks were appointed to assist in the inventory.

The eighth annual settlements were made in the estates of Mark and James Packer, minors. T. L. Crane is appointed curator for Ruby, Roy and Chester Weeks. His bond is \$600 with G. W. Sharp and John A. Taylor, securities.

O. P. Ray was empowered to sell for the heirs of Joseph McSparran their 1-8 undivided interest in ss se 16 and n hf ne nw 22-52-17 for the purpose of supporting minors.

Clyde Persyn is appointed administrator of the estate of Arthur S. Lawson, with bond of \$2000 signed by J. E. Dempsey and C. W. McAllister. A. W. Hise and Ernest White will assist in making inventory of the estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pinegar and son, Woodward left for San Benito, Texas Saturday where they will make their home instead of in Illinois.

### Baby Died

Mr. and Mrs. James Dotson lost a child, their baby, Wednesday night. The little one was two and a half years of age. The parents reside northwest of this city on the C. C. Parks farm.

### Adopts Child

Eva C. Dickson has adopted a son. The papers were filed here for record and show that Mrs. Dickson adopted Raymond Dickson Trumble is due legal form, the parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart E. Trumble consenting to the adoption. Mrs. Dickson resides in Salisbury.

### U. D. C.'s Meet

The U. D. C.'s met at the home of Mrs. C. F. Lamkin Monday evening for a regular session. There was an interesting program and a good attendance. The next meeting is at home of Miss Leannah Minter.

### Join Poultrymen

While in Kansas City last week attended the big meeting of the poultry dealers, J. M. Halley and E. P. Stamper joined the Missouri Association of Wholesale Dealers in Eggs, Poultry and Butter. Mr. Halley likewise took with him his new egg-tester and said that it made a hit. It made a better showing than the other egg-tester shown there, one that had been shown for several successive years. Mr. Halley is much pleased with the manner in which his invention is taking hold of people who are looking for something good in its class.

### Discuss Electric Lights

There was a meeting held last week in this city to discuss the problem of electric lights for the future. A number of local citizens met James Parks, at the head of the Salisbury municipal plant, J. W. Nichols of Marcelline and a Mr. Ingels, representing a supply house for electrical fixtures, at Kansas City. The principal talker was Mr. Parks who is in charge of the Salisbury plant. They discussed the practicability of cabling the necessary "juice" to this city from Salisbury and wiring the town for the lights. The estimated that the minimum charge here would have to be \$1.00 per month and the current charged for at the rate of about 15 cents per kilowatt, the price Moberly now pays for current, or a little less. No action was taken on the measure although there were present a number of persons who expressed themselves as willing to put some money into the new plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Rucker had as their guest last Thursday Madam Teresa Cerrano the distinguished musician of Berlin, Germany. Madam Cerrano, considered the greatest woman pianist living, is now on an extended tour of the United States, playing from coast to coast. Her concerts are a succession of triumphs, as she is received everywhere with great enthusiasm. She is an artist of the highest ability as well as a greatly beloved woman. Mrs. Rucker had the privilege of studying under Madam Cerrano for two years, and her excellence as an artist is another testimonial of Madams ability.

Horace Elliott of Kansas City is spending the week at home with his parents. He is on the road taking order for ready-made clothing for the firm of Nathan Franks and at the close of this week goes to Sedalia to resume his work. He formerly was employed at one of the Kansas City packing houses.

## POULTRY MEN ORGANIZE

**George Dewey Heads Chariton County Poultry Association**

There was a meeting of all persons interested in the betterment of the poultry business throughout the county at the court house shortly afternoon of last Saturday. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing the poultry men and this was done under the name of the Chariton County Poultry Association. The meeting was called to order by Cliff Rucker and the permanent organization perfected as follows: President, George Dewey, Keytesville; Secretary, W. W. Daly, Brunswick; Treasurer, M. W. Anderson, Keytesville. The meeting was put through with considerable enthusiasm. There were probably fifty or sixty members who signed the membership list at this meeting and there will be opportunities for others to join at any time. It is the intention of making the organization one that will be of great help here as it has elsewhere in developing the practice of raising only the best strains of poultry. That there is as much difference in the profit in good poultry and poor quality as there is in any other kind of live stock is known to nearly everyone. Poultry raising will become more profitable when people join this organization and begin to get more thoroughly posted on their business. They expect also to have a poultry show every year and it is hoped to land the first one in this city.

### Will of Wm. Deweese

The will of the late William Deweese has been probated. The will was made February 18, 1910 and leaves the estate, real and personal, to the widow, Sarah A. Deweese for life, she also being made executor. After the widow's death the estate goes to the five children and the children of a deceased son in equal parts, the children of deceased son to take their father's share.

### DeMoss Entertainers

The entertainment at the Christian church Wednesday evening proved worthy of the good-size audience that was present. The program varied including vocal and instrumental numbers as well as readings. This is not the first appearance of The DeMoss Entertainers who bill this as the forty second annual tour of the aggregation. The receipts approximated \$25.

### Don't Shoot

Word continues to come from Kansas City to keep off the duck shooting. It is said that two men were arrested a week ago and thrown into the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas. awaiting a hearing of their cases. It is reported that the government does not seem to be in a hurry to give them a hearing either. The fine may be \$100 and 90 days in the pen for each and every duck shot. Secret government agents are in various parts of the state.

John Dorrance is a very sick man in a St. Louis hospital. He contracted pneumonia while on his visit here last week.

Jas. Staples has bought the right to the delivery business in Salisbury and moved with his family to that thriving city last week.

H. G. Shumaker and children left for his home in Louisiana, Mo. Wednesday, the children having been with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Arrington for several months.

### Fire at St. Louis

A loss of thirty-two lives in addition to the seven-story building occupied by the Boatman's Bank and the Missouri Athletic Club, was the result of fire which occurred in St. Louis at 2:30 a. m. Monday. It is said to have been the biggest fire in the history of the city. The building was located near the St. Louis end of the Eads bridge. Shannon Wayland of this city is a member of the club whose quarters burned but Mr. Wayland is not a resident of the club building. The structure was of brown granite and one of the best equipped clubs in the west. The building was entirely destroyed.

The Drovers Journal thinks that the abolishment of the saloon in Tennessee has given the hookwork a solar plexus blow.

### Wabash Fire at Moberly

The Wabash shops at Moberly were visited by a disastrous fire about 10 a. m. Tuesday when the paint shop of the car shops was partially destroyed and 10 passenger coaches burned. The fire is said to have caught from a car which had been covered with a substance containing containing considerable alcohol which loosened the paint being scraped from the coaches preparatory to repainting. Someone is said to have lighted a match to find something and the alcoholic fumes were ignited the car rapidly being covered with flames. Of the ten coaches one was steel and eight had been repainted and ready to take from the shops Tuesday or Wednesday. The coaches were valued at from \$9,000 to \$12,000 each. The loss on the building will be about \$50,000 and other losses of tools,